

## Whose Roof Are You Crashing?

### Mark 2:1-12

**Ice Breaker:** Describe the most foolish (or ambitious) thing you've ever done to get to someone or something that you cared about? Why was it worth it to go to all that trouble?

**Big Idea:** Getting their paralyzed friend to Jesus required crashing through a roof. But that's the kind of thing you do when you really care about people. You're willing to do whatever it takes to get them closer to Jesus.

#### Digging Deeper:

- 1) Read Mark 2:1-2. What was the response among the townspeople of Capernaum when they found out Jesus had returned home? What would your response have been?
- 2) Read Mark 2:3-4. What do the friends of the paralyzed man do to get him to Jesus? What do you think about their "out of their box" idea? If you had been in the huddle where this idea had been suggested, would you have gone along with it? Why or why not?
- 3) Read Mark 2:5. How does Jesus respond to these guys crashing through the roof? If you were the paralytic, what would you have been thinking when Jesus pronounced that your sins were forgiven? Why do you think Jesus does this before physically healing the man?
- 4) Read Mark 2:6-7. How do the Pharisees respond to Jesus' pronouncement that this man's sins have been forgiven? Why do they respond with such hostility? If Jesus really is able to forgive sins – then what does this tell us about Jesus?
- 5) Read Mark 2:8-12. What does Jesus do to demonstrate that he does have authority to forgive sins? What would you have been thinking at this point – if you were a teacher of the law? What if you were the paralytic? What if you were a friend of the paralytic?
- 6) For whom are you willing to "crash through a roof" to get them closer to Jesus? Share with each other the names of these people – and then spend some time praying for them. Pray, too, for yourselves – that you would be a group of 'roof-crashing mat carriers.'